

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - MAIL STOP AF
U.S. Serial No. 10/803,837
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A golf club head comprising:

a face plate having a contoured rear surface, the contoured rear surface including a central thickened region having a first non-circular, elliptical outer edge surrounded by a transition region tapered from the central thickened region toward a thinner peripheral region, the transition region ~~[[also]]~~ having ~~[[an]]~~ a second non-circular, elliptical outer edge and a curved lateral surface extending from the first non-circular, elliptical outer edge to the second non-circular, elliptical outer edge,

wherein the first non-circular, elliptical outer edge of the central thickened region having an ~~has a first~~ aspect ratio that is greater than the aspect ratio of the elliptical outer edge of the transition region, a first major axis and a first minor axis,

~~wherein; the elliptical outer edge of the central thickened region has a first major axis and a first minor axis; and~~

wherein the second non-circular, elliptical outer edge of the transition region has a second aspect ratio, a second major axis and a second minor axis, the second major axis being equal to the first major axis plus a predetermined distance and the second minor axis being equal to the first minor axis plus ~~[[said]]~~ the predetermined distance,

wherein the first aspect ratio is greater than the second aspect ratio, and

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